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LCO No. 3838

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT EMPLOYMENT TRAINING
PROGRAM FOR PERSONS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) Within available appropriations for the fiscal
2 year ending June 30, 2002, and the next two successive fiscal years, the
3 Labor Department shall establish a two-year pilot program for adults
4 diagnosed with learning disabilities whose income does not exceed
5 one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty level to provide
6 support services to: (1) Assist such adults in obtaining and retaining
7 employment; and (2) encourage businesses in this state to hire persons
8 with learning disabilities.

9 (b) Not later than July 1, 2001, the Labor Commissioner shall submit
10 a status report on the establishment and on any operation of the pilot
11 program authorized under this section to the joint standing
12 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
13 relating to appropriations, human services and labor and public
14 employees.

15 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

Statement of Purpose:

To create a pilot program in the Labor Department which provides low income adults diagnosed with learning disabilities with support services to assist them in obtaining and retaining employment, and to encourage Connecticut companies to hire persons with learning disabilities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]